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February 26, 2009

Mrs Alice Benson  
Wastewater Operations Manager  
Ramona Municipal Water District  
105 Earlham Street  
Ramona, CA 92065-1599

In reply refer to:  
**CIWQS:255679:Jbrockman**

Dear Mrs Benson:

**SUBJECT: Notice of Violation of Order No. 2000-177**  
**FACILITY: Santa Maria Water Reclamation Facility**

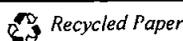
You are hereby notified of the following violations of Order No. 2000-177. The violations were identified upon review of the monthly monitoring reports for August 2008, September 2008, October 2008, November 2008, and July – September 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008 report.

1. Failure to comply with Discharge Specification B.4 of Order No. 2000-177.

**BASIS FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION:**

- a. Whereas Discharge Specification B.4 states that the 12 month average effluent TDS concentration shall not exceed 800 milligrams per liter (mg/L), the effluent TDS concentration exceeded this limitation on August 12, 2008 (870 mg/L).
  - b. Whereas Discharge Specification B.4 states that the 12 month average effluent Sulfate concentration shall not exceed 200 milligrams per liter (mg/L), the effluent Sulfate concentration exceeded this limitation on August 12, 2008 (211.8 mg/L).
2. Failure to comply with Facility Design and Operation Specifications D.6.a of Order No. 2000-177, which specifies that the discharger shall comply with all requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.

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**BASIS FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION:**

- a. Whereas Facility Design and Operation Specifications D.6.a states that the chlorine disinfection process provide a CT value of not less than 450 mg-min/L, the modal contact time requirement was not met on September 19, 2008 (414 mg-min/L)

Pursuant to the California Water Code, any violation of waste discharge requirements is subject to potential enforcement action(s) by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) including a time schedule order, cease and desist order, cleanup and abatement order, imposition of an administrative civil liability, referral to the district attorney for criminal prosecution, or referral to the attorney general. Administrative civil liability amounts that may be imposed by the Regional Board under authority of Water Code section 13350(c) include the sum of \$5,000 per day, and up to \$10 per gallon for each gallon of waste discharged.

The heading portion of this notice includes a Regional Board code number noted after "In reply refer to". In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the Regional Board pertaining to this matter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. Jason Brockman at (858) 627-3977 or at [jbrockman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jbrockman@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Robert Morris*

*for*

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Place ID	255679